

## Hardware and Sabotage

If on some tomorrow Soviet Russia, without warning, should strike at the United States with all the power and fury at her command, what would be her principal weapons?

The intercontinental jet bomber carrying atomic and/or hydrogen warheads? Yes probably that would be one.

The intercontinental ballistic missile? Possibly that would be another.

But still another weapon in Moscow's arsenal would be one of the oldest and deadliest known to man—plain, old-fashioned sabotage.

The above is not our own conclusion ~~safely~~. We are quoting, in substance,

~~from the address~~

~~given by Gen.~~

~~Thomas S. Power,~~

~~commanding general of the Strategic Air Command,~~

~~at the Salute-to-SAC dinner in~~

~~Omaha last Saturday night. On this~~

~~subject we surmise~~

~~there is no better~~

~~authority in America.~~

Power



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General Power's reasoning ran something like this (again we paraphrase):

Both Soviet Russia and the United States possess the power to destroy each other. If the Soviets strike first, they will have the advantage of initiative and momentum. If in addition their saboteurs—with a time bomb here, a hand grenade there, and a Molotov cocktail elsewhere—are able to keep America's retaliatory airplanes grounded, then the Communists may win the war without losing a battle. Or a city.

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And who would these saboteurs be? Who inside America would collaborate with the enemy in destroying America?

No great insight is needed to sense that Russia would find, or has found, recruits for this cause in the Communist Party of the United States. For this organization, which calls itself a

party but which the FBI calls a conspiracy, takes orders from Moscow and is openly dedicated to the destruction of free America.

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Ordinary, trusting, optimistic Americans might imagine that the armed services, with the expert help of the FBI, would be able to protect themselves quite easily from this peril.

But unfortunately the Reds in America have been getting a great deal of help lately. A spate of Federal Court decisions—ranging from the requirement that the FBI "open its files," to the recent one directing that six Smith Act defendants be freed—has made it enormously more difficult for patriotic America to catch the Comrades, or even slow them up.

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It's quite a sight, when you stop to look at it.

The Executive Branch of the Government is spending some 40 BILLION dollars a year for defense, a goodly share of it for the most advanced, most miraculous weapons known. While at the same time the Supreme Court, and some other courts, are coddling the subversives who, if war comes, undoubtedly will be trying to keep this costly hardware on the ground.

General Power didn't bring the courts into this discussion. We did. But we think the General's remarks about sabotage throw an interesting and realistic light on some of the recent decisions, and also the pro-Communist policies of America's political left.

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